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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) An expandable coupling arrangement for first and second expandable tubulars, the coupling comprising:
 - a male thread portion on an end of a first tubular, and
 - a female thread portion on an end of a second tubular,
 - the thread portions having flanks, wherein when the male and female thread portions are engaged, at least one flank of the male thread portion abuts a corresponding flank of the female thread portion in a central region between end regions of the male and female thread portions, and remaining corresponding flanks of the thread portions in the end regions define gaps therebetween,
wherein the arrangement is adapted such that once the engaged thread portions are subsequently expanded adjacent flanks are moved to close at least one gap and to abut each other.
3. (Original) An expandable coupling arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the arrangement is adapted for expansion at least partly by a rotary expansion tool.
4. (Original) An expandable coupling arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the arrangement is adapted for expansion at least partly by a cone expansion tool.
5. (Original) An expandable coupling arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the arrangement is adapted for expansion at least partly by hydraulic pressure.
6. (Previously Presented) An expandable coupling arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the arrangement is adapted such that once the thread portions are